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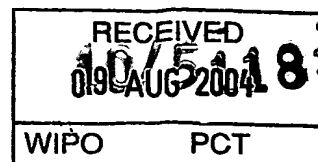
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- This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.  
  
☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).  
  
 These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17):*

**Description, Pages**

1-10 as originally filed

**Claims, Numbers**

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**Drawings, Sheets**

1/2, 2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

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**Re Item V** Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The closest prior art is acknowledged by the applicant by the provision of the preambles of independent claims 1 and 6. This prior art is a switched mode power supply mainly comprising a mains power switch with two contacts, an input voltage rectifier and a transformer with a primary winding connected in series with a switching transistor and an auxiliary winding for providing power to a driver circuit for the switching transistor and whereby a demagnetization coil is connected across the input voltages terminals via controllable semiconductor switch and energy storage capacitor is connected between the rectifier and the primary winding.

The subject-matter of claims 1 and 6 differs from this prior art by the topological specification of the switching contacts with respect to the mains connection, the demagnetization coil, the auxiliary winding and the driver circuit.

The subject-matter of claims 1 and 6 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention with respect to the prior art acknowledged by the applicant consists in high voltages caused by the power factor coil when it is switched off and appearing across the the switching contacts of the mains switch and causing arcs there.

The proposed solution thereto is the interconnections of the switching contacts of the mains switch to the mains connection, the power factor coil, the auxiliary winding and the driver circuit as defined in the characterizing portions of claim 1 (lines 22-31) and claim 6 (lines 3-12).

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1 and 6 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because the deteriorating effects of a demagnetization being switched off on switching contacts is not contemplated in any prior art document presently on file let alone are the connections of these contacts to the above cited components disclosed in any way.

Claims 2-5, 7 and 8 are dependent on claims 1 and 6 and as such also meets the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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A document reflecting the prior art defined in the preambles of claims 1 and 6 is not identified in the description (Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT).

The description is not in conformity with the claims as required by Rule 5.1(a)(iii) PCT.

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## New claims 1 - 8

(Shall replace all present claims)

1. Circuit arrangement having a mains connection  
5 (NA), a mains switch (S1) with a first and a second  
switching contact (1, 2), a demagnetization coil (ES)  
and a switch-mode power supply (I) comprising  
a driver circuit (DC), a transformer (TR) with a  
primary winding (W1) and an auxiliary winding (W2) for  
10 providing a supply voltage (VCC) for the driver circuit  
(DC), a switching transistor (T1) in series with the  
primary winding (W1), the driver circuit (DC) producing  
a control voltage (DS) for the switching transistor  
(T1), a rectifier means (BR) for rectifying a mains  
15 voltage, and an energy-storage capacitor (C1) coupled  
between the rectifier means (BR) and the primary  
winding (W1),  
the circuit arrangement comprising further a power  
factor coil (NS) for power factor correction, which is  
20 arranged between the mains connection (NA) and said  
energy-storage capacitor (C1), characterized in that  
the first switching contact (1) is arranged  
between the mains connection (NA) and the  
demagnetization coil (ES) for switching the  
25 demagnetization coil (ES) on and off, and  
the second switching contact (2) is arranged  
between the auxiliary winding (W2) and the driver  
circuit (DC) for switching off the supply voltage  
(VCC), or is arranged for switching off a control  
30 voltage for the driver circuit (DC) in order to switch  
off the switching transistor (T1).
2. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1,  
characterized in that a diode (D1) and a second  
35 capacitor (C2) are coupled to a connection (A) of the  
auxiliary winding (W2) in order to rectify and smooth  
said supply voltage (VCC), and in that the second

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switching contact (2) is arranged between the second capacitor (C2) and the driver circuit (DC).

3. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1 or  
5 2, characterized in that the power factor coil (NS) is arranged upstream of the rectifier means (BR).

4. The circuit arrangement as claimed in one of the  
preceding claims 1 - 3, characterized in that the  
10 circuit arrangement comprises further a mains filter (NF), a first parallel capacitor (C4) between the mains filter (NF) and the mains connection (NA) and a second parallel capacitor (C3) between the mains filter (NF) and the rectifier means (BR), that the demagnetization  
15 coil (ES) is arranged in parallel to the second parallel capacitor (C3) and in parallel to the rectifier means (BR), and that the connections (a, b) of the first switching contact (1) are connected in series between the second parallel capacitor (C3) and  
20 the demagnetization coil (ES) for switching the demagnetization coil (ES) on and off.

5. The circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 4,  
characterized in that a posistor (PS) is arranged in  
25 series between the first switching contact (1) and the demagnetization coil (ES).

6. Circuit arrangement having a mains connection (NA), a user accessible mains switch (S1) with a first  
30 and a second mechanical switching contact (1, 2), a demagnetization coil (ES) and a switch-mode power supply (I) comprising a driver circuit (DC), a transformer (TR) with a primary winding (W1) and an auxiliary winding (W2) for providing a supply voltage  
35 (VCC) for the driver circuit (DC), and a switching transistor (T1) in series with the primary winding (W1), the driver circuit (DC) producing a control



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voltage (DS) for the switching transistor (T1),  
characterized in that

the first switching contact (1) is arranged  
between the mains connection (NA) and the  
5 demagnetization coil (ES) for switching the  
demagnetization coil (ES) on and off, and

the second switching contact (2) is arranged  
between the auxiliary winding (W2) and the driver  
circuit (DC) for switching off the supply voltage  
10 (VCC), or is arranged for switching off a control  
voltage for the driver circuit (DC) in order to switch  
off the switching transistor (T1).

7. Appliance, having a circuit arrangement in  
15 accordance with one of the preceding claims.

8. The appliance as claimed in claim 7, characterized  
in that the appliance comprises a picture tube, on  
which the demagnetization coil (ES) is mounted.

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